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CRITIQUE REVIEW

The nearly unanimous view expressed by attendees at the 1979 Logistics Conference is that it was a huge success, both in organization and in content. As in the past, conferees felt the value of the Conference was two-fold: first, in the knowledge obtained from the various presentations and, secondly, in the establishment and development of interpersonal relationships with other Logistics careerists. (U)

Speakers

There were many words of praise for all guest speakers on this year's program, and numerous remarks complimenting the selection of knowledgeable and entertaining speakers. The most popular presentations were Dr. Aveilhe's address on "Blacks in U.S. Society" and [redacted] coverage of "Information--Friend or Foe." [redacted] Lynch, [redacted] and the Focal Point Officers, Colonels Radel and Scovel, were complimented repeatedly for the informative nature of their presentations. The selection of Mr. Wortman as the Keynote Speaker was an excellent choice. His address was received as being very open and frank, and several individuals felt that his style set the tone for the entire Conference. For most of the conferees, this was their first opportunity to hear the new DDA, and the impression he left was obviously a good one. There were several expressions of disappointment that Mr. Wortman's schedule precluded an evening "rap session" and suggestions that this session be included in future Conferences. (U)

Just as Mr. Wortman was a popular choice to deliver the opening presentation, [redacted] seemed to be equally popular as a final speaker. His optimistic outlook for the Agency's future seemed to leave everyone in an upbeat frame of mind as the Conference closed. (U)

The above comments on the guest speakers represent the predominant views as expressed by the conferees. Perhaps, the popularity of this year's guest speakers tended to overshadow or dim the effect of the Division Chiefs' presentations. While the critique sheets did not provide a dedicated space to cover these presentations, three individuals commented that, by comparison, the Division Chiefs' presentations lacked the charisma and high interest of the invited guests. While this may relate more to familiarity, it is an area that needs strengthening next year. (U)

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Recommendations for the Next Conference

Recommendations for changes were relatively few this year. There were the isolated suggestions which come up each year that the duration of the Conference be altered. However, the many positive comments concerning Conference organization would seem to be more than offsetting. Following are the more constructive and often-mentioned recommendations:

a. Conference should include panel discussions which address some of the problems in the Office of Logistics.

b. Brief speakers to stay away from office and program abbreviations. It's not always clear what speakers are talking about.

c. Retain the "rap session" with the DDA as part of the program.

d. Schedule an evening "rap session" with ☐

e. All panels should be set up on the stage (will be done next year).

f. Vugraphs should be readable--many could not be seen in the back of the room.

g. Install clock at back of gym for speakers' benefit. Ask speakers to stay within their allotted time. Don't schedule so tightly.

h. Believe Conference participants should be given a more active role, e.g., working groups, assigned tasks, and discussion groups.

i. Include an address by the Office of General Counsel.

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James H. McDonald
Director of Logistics

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